

Remarks:

In view of the foregoing amendments and these remarks, it is submitted that the objections raised in the April 10, 2008 Office Action have been overcome.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended to the Applicant's agent during the telephone interview of March 20, 2008. During the interview, Applicant's agent discussed the substance of the foregoing amendments and remarks. The examiner agreed that the prior art of record fails to disclose a longitudinal stud having an anchoring system, particularly a lateral web allowing for fluid communication to create a substantially continuous layer of insulation.

In the Office Action of April 10, 2008, the Examiner indicated that claim 5 contained allowable subject matter if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 4 and 5.

As a result, claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled and the claim dependency of claim 6 has been amended in view of the cancellation of claim 4.

Claim 6 has further been amended to address the clarity objections and specifically to provide proper antecedent basis as suggested by the Examiner.

Claim 18 has been amended to specifically recite the language of claim 1.

Accordingly, Claims 1-3 and 6-20 are pending herein.

In view of the amendments to independent claims 1 and 18, all claims should now be in a condition for allowance thereby obviating the need for further comment on the prior art references and the specific objections raised in the Office Action.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

In the event that the Examiner has any further objections to the present application, the Examiner is requested to call the Applicant's agent in order that the prosecution of this case may be expedited.

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